## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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Mr. Russ Kick MuckRock News DEPT 47490 411A Highland Ave. Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Kick:

This responds to your June 5, 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (DON-NAVY-2018-008279) requesting FOIA request logs covering 2016 and 2017. Department of the Navy FOIA logs and reports are publicly available and can be located in the Secretary of the Navy's FOIA reading room at: https://www.secnav.navy.mil/foia/readingroom/.

In view of the above, you may consider this an adverse determination, which you may appeal. If you have an account in *FOIAonline*, you may submit an appeal directly within the web-based system. To do this, you would log into your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated, and you can then describe the basis of your appeal. If you do not have a *FOIAonline* account or you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:

OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL ATTN: FOIA APPEALS – CODE 14 1322 PATTERSON AVENUE SE SUITE 3000 WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20374-5066

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include your letter of appeal, a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter. You are encouraged, but not required, to state why you believe our search was insufficient and your appeal should be granted. I strongly recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at Christopher.A.Julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031.

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Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about FOIA mediation services. For more information about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at www.archives.gov/ogis. The Office of Government Information Services can be contacted by email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770, toll free at 1-877-684-6448; facsimile at (202) 741-5769; or by mail at:

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION 8601 ADELPHI ROAD-OGIS COLLEGE PARK MARYLAND 20740-01

I am the official responsible for this decision; if you have any questions concerning this matter, I can be reached at (202) 433-2186.

Sincerely, Saucy Rieses

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